WEATHER FORECAST.

RICHMOND VA. SUNDAY. MAY 27. 1900.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

GROWTH OF GREAT SEABOARD SYSTEM

How the Project Was Virginia Rolls Up Sase It Will Take Place in Missouri Senator Men-Consummated.

IS NOW COMPLETE. A NEW ORGANIC LAW WIFE TO BE THERE. A STAUNCH DEMOCRAT MANY WERE PRESENT ENDED IN A FIASCO WILL ENDORSE BRYAN

tween North and South.

THE STORY OF ITS DEVELOPMENT

Beginning With the Scaboard and Roanoke, a Railroad but Eighty Miles Long, the Greater Seaboard Now Embraces a System Nearly Three Thousand in Length.

night Chief Engineer Seymour, of the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina, saw

the connection made with the Chesapeake and Ohio tracks. Everything is now ready for the first train from Tampa over the Seaboard Air Line Rallway.

From a road eighty miles in length and extending from Portsmouth, Va., to Weldon, N. C., has developed one of the greatest of modern raliroad systems. The Seaboard and Paranoke Pallyrad, with its greatest of modern railroad systems. The Seaboard and Reaneke Railroad, with its eighty miles of trackage, has grown from time to time until to-day the Seaboard Air Line Railway has to its credit trackage and trackage rights which in total amount to nearly three thousand miles.

Under the title of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company are embraced the eighteen individual roads which at one time or other during recent years were

time or other during recent years were operated as independent lines. The lines have been gradually absorbed; the con-trolling interest secured or leased for a

troiling interest secured or leased for a term of years, practically persecual, as in the case of the Seaboard's entrance into Savannah from Lyons.

Mr. John Skelton Williams, president of the Seaboard Air Line system, said recently: "Besides the various railroads which are included in the Seaboard Air Line system is the Baltimore Sieam Packet Company, which has for many years operated a line of steamers on the Chesapeake Bay between Norfolk, Old Point and Railtimore."

The charter which was recently granted by the Legislature of Virginia is in all probability the broadest, strongest and most valuable ever granted in this State, and, as President Williams has put it, "not ex-

as President Williams has put it, "not excepting those granted the Southern Railway and the Norfolk and Western Railway, under which their reorganizations were carried through."

THE BEGINNING.
To follow the development of the Greater Scaboard is a most interesting tudy. The present head of the Scaboard study. The present head of the Seaboard Air-Line Railway, some few years ago, conceived the dea of establishing and operating a competing line between the North and South, and, with that end in view, shaped his plans. By degrees the great project was successfully carried out. The Seaboard and Roanoke Railway was secured, and this road may be considered the cured, and this road may be considered the

real parent line of the system.

The Seaboard and Roanoke, as has been stated, is a line eighty sulles in length, and extends from Portsmouth, Va., to Weldon, mouth and Roanoke Rallroad Company Company, chartered, May 10, 1836, 1834, and seventeen miles of the line, from Portsmouth to Suffolk, completed by the fall of that year, the entire line being In 1843 the North Carolina portion of the line was selzed for debt, and in 1846 the Virginia portion, toward which the State had made large contributions, was sold in accordance with a legislative enactment, and was purchased by the Board of Public Works for \$60,000. Following this new cor-Works for \$60,000. Following this new cor-porations were organized in Virginia un-der the name of the Seaboard and Roa-noke Rallroad Company, chartered Feb-ruary 27, 1846, and in North Carolina un-der the name of the Roanoke Rallroad Company, chartered January 15, 1847. Under the authority of acts of the respective Legislatures, these corporations con-solidated, forming the existing corpora-tion February 22, 1849. By this new corporation the line was wholly reconstructed. and opened November 10, 1851.

During 1882 control was acquired of the

Carolina Central Railroad, and later also secured control of the Raleigh and Gaston and Raleigh and Augusta Air-Line Rail-road, and in connection operated the fleet known as the Baltimore Steam Packet

Company.

The road, under its reorganization, rapidly grew, and became one of the best of railroad properties. The Scaboard and

Roanoke, with the lines controlled by it. formed at that time what was known as the Seaboard Air-Line. This line may be regarded as the parent line of the Greater Seaboard Air-Line Railway of to-day, TIMES GAVE THE NEWS.

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From the conception of the idea of a competing short line between North and South President Williams worked hard for its consummation. Other properties were secured and with them the charter of the old Virginia and Carolina Railway.

The first news of the new line's plans and their effect on this city was exclusively told the people of Virginia in The Times of October 6th, 1898. The statements made at that time have since been carried out to the letter, and were in reference to the new Union Station of the Seaboard Air Line and the Chesapeake and Ohio, which will soon be erected in this city, and the connections here with the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, thus securing an outlet the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Raifroad, thus securing an outlet through Washington, north east and west, over the Pennsylvania. This mammoth enterprise, it was then stated, would mean the expenditure of millions and be of inestimable benefit to Richmond, as it would give this city another through line from New York to the Gulf. The charter than the control of the control of the charter of the Wireful and Carolina Raifroad from New York to the Guit. The Charler of the Virginia and Carolina Raliroad Company empowered that corporation to build a line between Richmond and Ridge-way, N. C. The business people of Rich-mond and Petersburg had long been mond and Petersburg and and been anxious to have a road to the North Carolina town, and Petersburg had subscribed large amounts of stock in the road. Work had been started on the line some years ago, but had been abandoned. The charter, at that time, belonged principally to Petersburg, and a new company was formed. The name was changed to the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina Railroad Company. The new company bought in the Petersburg holdings, and thus se-cured control of the rights and franchises of the old company. Mr. DeWitt Smith,

THE VOTE FOR THE CONVENTION

Majority for Change

a Revision.

About Three Thousand Majority Is Rolled Up-Norfolk County Votes Against - Chesterfield Favors the Convention - Returns from Various Sections Received Yesterday.

The later returns increase the majority for the Constitutional Convention. It is probable the proposition has been carried by nearly 25,000 majority. Following are

carried the city and county by 1,180 ma-

jority.

GOOCHLAND, VA., May 26.—Special.—
For Constitutional Convention, 394;
against Constitutional Convention, 605;
majority against, 301.

CULPEPER, VA., May 26.—Special.—
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official returns from the county give 1,035 for convention, 466 against; 569 majority for convention.

Gloucester County.

GLOUCESTER COURTHOUSE, VA., May 26.—Special.—The Board of Canvas-sers met here to-day and canvassed the returns of Thursday's election, which showed that Gloucester county gave a majority for Constitutional Convention of

WEST POINT, VA., May 29.—Special.—
This town went for the convention by 34 majority, and elected a straight Democratic ticket for town offices as follows: Mayor, A. W. Bastwood: Councilmen, T. H. Edwards, J. L. Bland, Ned Bland, A. F. Smither, James O'Connor W. R. Broaddus and Dr. George Richardson.
The county went against the convention by a small majority, owing to a large turn out of negroes, while the whites remained at home to a great extent.

Spotsylvania County.

MELIA COURTHOUSE, VA., May 25.—
Special.—The Commissioners of Election
met here to-day at 12 o'clock, and after a
canvass of the vote of the county found
there was a majority of 147 against the The total vote in the county

FARMVILLE, VA., May 26.—Special.

CHESTERFIELD COURTHOUSE, May 26.—Special.—The official vote of Chester-field county is as follows: For convention,

LYNCHBURG, VA., May 26.-Special.-The Sixth District can be counted for the convention by a safe majority. Campbell county gives 100 majority against the concounty gives 100 majority against the convention; Roanoke county about 109, and Montgomery county 331. All the other cities and counties of the district are for the convention, as follows: Roanoke city, 1,726; Lynchburg, 565; Radford, 229; Hallfax, 759; Charlotte, 512, and Bedford, 660. The majority for the convention in the district is 3,912.

BERRYVILLE, VA., May 26.—Special.— The official vote of Clarke county gives the constitutional convention 68 majority. The total vote cast was 694, which is equal to the nominal Democratic majority. The vote stood: For convention, 381; against 313. Colored people voted solidly against

tion on Thursday.

Hon, Claggett B. Jones, Commonwealth's Attorney of King and Queen county, was in the city vesterday. He was very much gratified that the State votes for a Constitutional Convention on Thursday, and said he looked forward to the inauguration better system of government with of a better sy great pleasure.

JUDGE HOLMES GONE.

The Distinguished Visitor Leaves for

Judge Oliver Wendell Holmes, of Bos ton, Mass., a son of the famous "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table," who, accom-panied by Mrs. Holmes, has been sojourning in Richmond for several days, left my in Architold for several days, fell yeserday for frome, via Old Point Comfort. The distinguished visitors were the recipients of much attention while in the city.

The Norfolk Vote. NORFOLK, VA., May 26.—Special,— Complete official returns of the vote on the Constitutional Convention hereabouts

The official returns from fifteen precincts out of the eighteen in Nelson county give a majority of 407 for a Constitutional Convention. The three precincts to hear from will probably increase the majority to 500. A very light vote polled. LOUISA, VA., May 26.—Special.—By the vote Louisa county has 7 majority official vote Louisa county has 7 r for the Constitutional Convention.

MARION, VA., May 25.—Special.—A small vote was cast in this county yesterday. At present the vote seems to stand 505 for a convention and 210 against. a majority of 405 against a convention. Marion precinct gave a majority of 13 for

convention.

In the corporation election A. H. At-kins (Republican) defeated H. Clay Jones

THE TRIAL OF REV. MR. RIDDICK

Brunswick This Week.

Her Testimony.

Speaker Saunders to Assist in the Prosecution-Mr. Davis, Mr. Page and Other Prominent Attorneys to Appear for the Defense. May Not Be Easy to Secure a Jury.

The trial of Rev. J. E. R. Riddick, who is charged with the murder of Dr. Wm. H. Temple, will begin in the County Court of Brunswick next Tuesday.

It is thought there will be no further postponement. When the case was called about a month ago there was a continuance on account of the indisposition of Mrs. Riddick, who will be a very important witness for her husband. She will



DR. TEMPLE'S FORMER RESIDENCE. (The cross indicates the spot where Dr. Temple was when mortally wounded.)

be able, it is stated, to go to Lawrence-ville this week.

The trial will be one of the most inter-esting ever held in Virginia. There are able lawyers on both sides. The dead man and his alleged murderer came of

man and his alleged murderer came of excellent families.

THE JURY.

There will probably be trouble in securing a jury. Most of the people in Brunswick county have either formed or expressed an opinion.

It is probable that the counsel for the prisoner will ask for a change of venue, but this cannot be stated as a fact. No one save Mr. Riddick and his lawyers knows what his defense will be. It is said, however, that he will be able to establish the fact that he was justified in shooting down Dr. Temple. On the other hand, the representatives of the Commonwealth think they have a case so plain

hand, the representatives of the Commonwealth think they have a case so plain that no jury can fall to convict, unless Mr. Riddick pleads insanity and can establish the fact that his mind was unbalanced when he killed Dr. Temple.

THE SHOOTING.

The facts concerning the death of Dr. Temple are of so recent origin that it is hardly necessary to recall them. He was the most popular physician in Brunswick county. Mr. Riddick has for several years been a Methodist minister, honored and beloved by all who knew him. He was in charge of the Brunswick Circuit. His wife was indisposed, and Dr. Temple was wife was indisposed, and Dr. Temple was called to see her. On a Sunday morning



The Methodist Parsonage, where Mr. Riddick resided before the shooting.)

n March Mr. Riddick went early to Dr. Temple's residence, and without any ex-planation, shot him. When the preacher began firing the doctor ran around to his Dr. Temple lived a few days after he re

Dr. Tempie need a few days after he fe-ceived the mortal wound.

ABLE COUNSEL.

The case will be prosecuted 5y Hon. E.
P. Buford, the able Commonwealth's At-torney of Brunswick, assisted by Hon. E. torney of Brunswick, assisted by Hon. E. W. Saunders, of Franklin county, the distinguished Speaker of the House of Delegates. The counsel for Mr. Riddick are Mr. Richard B. Davis, of Petersburg; Mr. W. S. Poage, of Wytheville; Mr. E. C. Goode, of Mecklenburg; and Col. Meade Haskins, of Brunswick. They are all lawyers distinguished in their profession Mr. Davis, who is the leading counsel lawyers distinguished in their procession. Mr. Davis, who is the leading counsel, is regarded as one of the Sblest criminal lawyers in Virginia.

The trial will probably last a week or ten days.

RESIDENCE ROBBED.

A Silk Dress and Money Carried Off by Thieves.

The residence of Mr. W. H. Swarzschild, No. 605 North Seventh Street, was entered through a rear second-story window last night about dark, and a handsome silk dress, belonging to Mrs. Schwarzschild, with about \$25 in the

schwarzschild, was derried off.

The members of the family were out at the time. This is the third time within a

few months.

A second-floor porch is located across the rear of the house, and entrance to that porch from the outside can only be that pitch the description was the porch post. The latter mode of procedure must have been taken by the thief.

When the loss was discovered Mrs. When the loss was discovered Mrs. Schwarzschild gathered her sliver and other valuables and carried them to her jeweller's for safe-keeping. The police loss have been positifed. have been notified.

No Change in Discipline,

CHICAGO, May 26.-by a vote of 520 o 200, and after a debate which exceeded to 200, and after a debate which exceeded in bitterness anything yet heard during the session, the Methodist General Conference practically decided to-day to make no change in the attitude of the Church in regard to card-playing, dancing, theatre-going and other forms of amusement, which, since 1872, have been under the ban of the Church.

COCKRELL BOOM IS UNDER WAY

tioned for Presidency.

and Chicago Platform.

HIS FINE WAR RECORD.

No Senator on the Floor More Completely Commands the Esteem of Both Sides of the Chamber, Government to Purchuse a Replica of Houdon's Washington.

Washington Bureau, The Times, No. 515 Fourteenth Street.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 26 .- Spccial.-It is becoming apparent that a very strong effort isebeing made in various sections of the country to present the name tions of the country to present the name of General Francis Marion Cockrell, United States Senator from Missouri, for the Democratic nomination of President at the Kansas City Convention. As stated, this effort is not confined to one part of the country, but is assuming a sufficiently widespread scope to give his candidacy the appearance of a substantial fact, and to give rise to considerable speculation. The first outcrop of decided pro-Cockrell sentiment came from the South. It has made headway in Alabama and Georgia and in other parts of the South, and it is decidedly in evidence among the New York Democracy. It is not a campaign of bass drums and trumpets, nor yet a still hunt on the part of a coterie of disgruntled leaders opposed to Mr. Bryan, but wherever the Cockrell boom—if it may be called such—has been projected, it has met with hearty response from the rank and file of the conservative Democracy. It is only fair to say in regard to the Missouri Senator that he is not doing anything to further his prospects, but he has a host of powerful friends in the Senate, especially among the Southern members, who in private do not conceal the fact that the Senator would not scorn the honor if it should come to him in a legitimate and dignified form. of General Francis Marion Cockrell, United me to him in a legitimate and dignified

FINE WAR RECORD.

There is no Senator on the floor of the upper chamber who more completely commands the esteem and confidence of his colleagues on both sides than the Senator from Missouri. He has a fine war record from Missouri. He has a fine war record in the Confederate army, and was one of General Price's hest commanders in the West, Shelby's famous brigade being attached to his command in the invasion of Missouri. In public life he has preserved a stainless record for integrity and high principles, and has been returned to the Senate four times, having never held a public office until elected to Congress in 1874. His record as the representative of his State is a splendld one, and the best evidence of his popularity is the general esteem in which he is held, not only by the Democrats, but by the Republicans of Missouri.

Missouri.

Shrewd political forecasters see a coming man in the Missouri Schator in connection with the Presidential nomination. With an unimpeachable record in public With an unimpeachable record in public life, for years the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations in the Senate, and one of the strongest men on the floor, he would prove unexceptionable in point of expediency, as he has been a steadfast adherent of every Democratic platform adopted since the war. He has been a consistent free silver man, but it is argued that he stands for more than one plank in the Democratic declaration of principles. He is a Democratic platform principles. He is a Democratic platform principles. He is a Democrate pattern in his own past record as a public man, and combines the elements of popularity with a sympathetic nature, which responds quickly to the needs of the people; a candid, straightforward, unpretentious manner, that appeals to the masses, and the sturdy, honest qualities of a man of MANY SUPPORTERS.

MANY SUPPORTERS.

It is not to be inferred that the Cockrell boom is the work only of anti-Bryan men. Among his best supporters are strong Chicago platform men, who will cheerfully vote for Mr. Bryan, but who believe that the best interests of the party demand the romination of the Senaor from Missourl. They are watching closely the de-velopment of public sentiment all over the country, as the result of the efforts now made in the South and North to crystalize

support for him.

Representative Rhea, of Virginia, to-day called on the Secretary of War and submitted his bill to authorize the county of Pulaski to construct a bridge across the New River. The bill was subjected to a careful inspection and approved.
Representative McCleary, of Minnesota,
as introduced a bill, which will be favorably reported, to appropriate 1,500 for a replica of the Houdon statue of George Washington purchased by the State of Virginia and now in the Capitol at Rich. mond, to be placed in Statuary Hall of the national capital. Five replica of this famous statue are in existence in this country, one being located each in the Capitols of North and South Carolina and Missouri, one in a public park in St. Louis, and a fifth one is owned in Cln-cinnati by a private owner, who is willing to sell it to the government. They were made by authority of the Virginia Legislature shortly before the breaking out of the civil war.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Most of the Contests Will Be From Southern States.
WASHINGTON, May 26.-A protracted

meeting of the sub-committee of the Re-publican National Committee, having in publican Saturiar to the approaching National Convention in Philadelphia, was held here to-night.

Secretary Dick presented a tabulated issecretary Dick presented a taulated list of the delegates to the convention thus far selected, together with a list of the contests indicated by the returns received by him up to date. Most of the contests will be from the Southern States, there are not the present but how many there are and the precise nature of them cannot be determined yet Numerous applications have been re-ceived for the office of chaplain of the ceived for the office of chapitain of the convention, one of them being from the chapitain of the first Republican National Convention ever held—that of 1856—who is now a resident of Philadelphia.

Adjourned Sine Die.

ST. LOUIS, MO., May 26.—The Presby-terian General Assembly, which has been holding its 112th annual meeting here during the past ten days, concluded its deliber tions and adjourned sine die to-day mest next year in Philadelphia.

TO THE HOME OF THEIR ANCESTORS

to Historic Jamestown.

Down From Richmond.

Hon, Lyon G. Tyler Unable to be

Present - The Weather Was Delightful and There Was Nothing to Mar the Pleasure of the Occasion-Prayer by Rev. Mr. Bishop.

The pilgrimage to Jamestown, given yeserday by the Association for the Prescrvation of Virginia Antiquities, was one of the most delightful events in the history of the Association.

The day was an ideal one, the sun was bright and just warm enough to make it comfortable for the three hundred and seventy-five excursionists who sailed down the picturesque James to the historic spot where their forefathers landed long ago. There was nothing to mar the pleasure

of the merry company, and no cloud to disturb the serenity of the journey. About half-past 1 Jamestown was reached, and the place, so beautifully kept by the A. P. the place, so beautifully kept by the A-T-V. A., abounding in May roses, arbors covered with fragrant honeysuckle, put forth all its attractions to welcome those who came to visit the revered spot. To one side the remains of the old tower, half covered with ivy and Virginia creeper, stands as a lost link to the days that have passed away. It is impossible for a Virginian to stand on this spot and not feel a thrill of patriotism, and that this thrill was more than ever present yesterday was clearly evidenced.

After a selection by Stein's Orchestra Mr. Joseph Bryan announced that it was impossible for President Lyon G. Tyler, of William and Mary College, to deliver the address, as was intended. He was prevented on account of illness. Mr. Bryan presented Rev. Charles E. Bishop, professor of Greek of William and Mary, who opened the exercises with prayer.

THE POEM.

Professor L. P. Wharton, professor of Latin at William and Mary College, was then introduced, and he read the following beautiful poem, written by himself for the occasion:

Still thou standest, brave old tower, en-V. A., abounding in May roses, arbors

Still thou standest, brave old tower, en-

Still thou standest, brave out tower, enwrapt in sheen of light,
Glowing with the brightness and the brilliance of the past.
Still the head thou liftest gazing on the
spangled height,
Claiming glorious fellowship with things
that ever last.

Ages come and go, still pouring dewy incense sweet On this hallowed shrine, the cradle of a

nation's birth.

Ages sweep above thy head and pause on pinions fleet.—

Pause to chant thy memories, brightening o'er all the earth.

And still thou flowest, stream-broad-bosomed, as in days of yore,
Descending from the mountains cloud-capper, as they rend the sky
Thou ocean-destined bride, where billows
thunder evermore,—
Thee now we greet, Hark! Yon shorecaressing waters make reply.

Thou aut, O river-god, too passionate in thine embrace. Let not this isle thy love devour with kisses rich and rare.

Back to thy watery realm thy proud, ambitious steps retrace.

And with thine own domain content, this tower heaven-guarded spare.

And art thou come, sweet-breathing May, thou violet-crowned mail, By rosy-bosomed hours attended? Thee with joy we hall. All earth has decked herself in flower-intwisted robes inlaid.
This is, O earth! thy bridal hour, the clouds thy beauteous vail.

And such thou wert, all-fragrant May, as And such thou wert, an integrate May, as lovely and as fair. In the years gone by and vanished, e'en as now; for thou didst smile. When, bounding o'er the billows, compassed by the yielding air.

Three ships their anchors laid, viotorious exact upon this isle.

gazed upon this isle.

For Albion's adventurous sons, erst treading on this land, Thyself as bride with incense-breathing love thou didst udorn.
This hallowed soil with flower-inwoven carpet from thy hand Thou spreadest, sweetest May, with eye-

lids like the morn. The forests thou didst hang with graceful tracery unexcelled
By man's device; the trees in tesselated
arches stood.
Sweet fragrance from thy finger-tips did

flow unparalleled. All nature rang with tuneful voice, in

joy-inspiring mood. Within cathedral builded high by nature's Within cathedral builded high by nature's deftsome hand.
Beneath the sheen of God's own sun, outrivalling the lights
That glitter in the night with thousand eyes on yonder strand,
Upon the velvet verdure, o'er which Maytide pours delights,

In God's own temple grander than the grandest domes that crown
Cathedrals rare, whereon the mind of man
has lavished skill,
Surpassing common fancy, filling earth

with vast renown. Here came the brave to worship God and do His will. On this green sod they knelt scare landed

and to Him above
Their voices lift in accents reverential,
breathing praise.
The name supreme of Jesus, music-laden

with His love, cks the heart of God, as they their Unlocks the heart of Go joyful anthems raise They builded better than they knew; they uilded unto God. And building unto Him, they builded for the eternal years.

The State they founded cannot sink be-

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neath the treacherous sod.

CHICAGO INVADED BY HOSTILE ARMY

City for a Time.

Formal Opening of the New Line Be- | The People Decide That They Want | She Will Probably be Able to Give | A Consistent Supporter Free Silver | A Large Number of People Went | But Not Before Human Blood Was Split and a Horse Killed.

POEM BY PROFESSOR WHARTON GUNS AND ENTRENCHMENTS.

Capt. George W. Streeter Took Possession of a Valuable Plot of Land Which He Claims to Own, and Proceeded to Hold it Against All Comers-Driven Out by Police.

CHICAGO, May 26 .- Chicago was invaded at 1 o'clock this morning by the army of a hostile state, numbering thirteen men-the "District of Lake Michi-

teen men—the "District of Lake Michigan." The invasion ended in a farce comcay, but came near to being inished in deadly earnest. The crasualties include one boy shot in the leg, and one horse killed. Five of the invaders were arrested, and the balance were allowed to escape. The trouble was precipitated by Captain George W. Streeter, a squatter, who has from time to time created much trouble and litigation by his efforts to selze land along the shore of Lake Michigan. The land which he has for some time claimed to the "District of Lake Michigan," consists of made land on the shore of Lincoln Park, part of it including one of the main park boulevards. The courts have decided against the squatter, but he has been persistent.

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TOOK POSSESSION.

Streeter organized the force, but was not with them in person. The boat containing the "troops," led by William Niles, arrived off Lincoln Park soon after midnight, and without difficulty they made a landing and formelly took possession. The landing was conducted quietly, but was not unobserved.

Folice Officer James O'Mally reported the matter, it was decided to take no action against the invaders until after consultation with the city law department. Immediately on landing a line of plank was laid along the western edge of the claimed territory and a barbed wire was stretched about a foot above. Two forts, each about twelve feet square and forming an embankment of dirt and piling about five feet high, were hastily thrown up on either side of Superior Street. Sentinels were detailed to patrol a picket line just inside the barbed wire.

WERE FIRED ON.

Meanwhile, although riot call after riot call had been sent in the police remained inactive. Captain Baer, of the Park police, atempted to enter the squatters' territory, but was fired upon by Niles, The horse fell dead, and one of he shots, having sped beyond, wounded Reuben Manley, fourteen years old, who was one of the crowd of curious on-lookers. The ball struck his right knee, intileting a serious wound.

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It was determined that the squatters should be driven out, and Chief-of-Police Kipley was instructed to use such measures as might be necessary.

The fire tug Illinois was detailed, with forty men with rifles, to approach the district on the Lake, and orders were issued to bring up the police battery, consisting of one Gatting gun and two smooth because. By 3 P. M. 800 policemen had gathered at the East Chicago Avenue Police Station. The impending conflict ended in a flasco

the East Chicago Avenue Folice about 15 minutes after 3 o'clock.

Niles and his four men, all that was left of his army, sent word to Captain Baer, requesting a parley. Upon his appearance the five men surrendered and were escorted to the East Chicago Avenue Folice Station. On the way there the police attempted to disarm the members of the "army," and their effort to retain their ritles created some commotion.

Streeter caused to be circulated a grandiloquent proclamation, written after the style of the Declaration of Independence, in which he stated that the land did not belong to the State of Illinois nor anybody eise, and was the property of whospever settled upon it. He is now threatening legal proceedings against everybody.

MARYLAND PRIMARIES

Sentiment Is That Bryan Men Suffered

a Defeat. BALTIMORE. May 26.—Primaries were seld to-day in eleven counties of the State for the selection of delegates to the county conventions, which will select delegates to the Maryland State Democratic Conention. While the majority of the delegations were uninstructed, the sentiment appears to be that the Bryan men have

Montgomery county instructed for Bryan and Anne Arundel elected a full en defeated.

Bryan delegation.
The remaining nine countles selected either split or anti-Bryan delegates.

WEATHER DURING ECLIPSE It Will Probably Be Partly Cloudy to

Clear Over Path of Totality. Clear Over Path of Totality.

East to south and southeast winds, with higher temperature, are indicated for Monday morning over the path from which a total eclipse of the sun will be visible. An exact forecast of the cloud conditions at that time, however, cannot now be made, but it is fairly probable that partly cloudy to clear weather will obtain. As the district where the major portion of the observations is to be taken is nearly four hundred miles in length, it is very probable that they can be successnearly four hundred miles in length, it is very probable that they can be success fully made over the larger part of it.

Further special forecast will be issued Sunday at 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.

WILLIS L. MOORE,

Chief U. S. Weather Bureau.

CONSUMED THREE BLOCKS

Disastrous Fire Works Havoc in Apalachicola, Fla.

APALACHICOLA, FLA., May 26.-A disastrous fire broke out in the residence of Mrs. Broughton about noon Friday. It leaped over to the Methodist Church and from there spread over the business and from there sheat over the days portion of town. In less than three hours three blocks were entirely consumed. The custom house was consumed and very few of the records were saved.

The armory, recently built at a cost of

The armory, to the state of the

THE PLATFORM MAY BE MODIFIED

The Annual Pilgrimage Thirteen Defv the Whole New York Democrats Will Try to Accomplish It-

But Delegates to Kansas City Won't be Instructed,

HILL CONFERS WITH LEADERS

All Agree That Bryan's Nomination Is a Certainty, But Are Not Ready to Swallow Chicago Platform, and Hope to See It So Modified That They Can Support It.

NEW YORK, May 26 .- The Evening Post

"Ex-Senator David B. Hill and ex-Sena tor Edward Murphy had a talk with Elliot Danforth, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Democratic State Committee, to-day. Mr. Hill is satisfied with the results of his trip to New York. He has conterred with the leaders of Tammany Hall and of the Kings county Democracy, and it was announced authoritatively before noon that the programme for the State Convention had been agreed upon by all parties concorned. The features of the experiments are:

by all parties concerned. The leathes of the programme are:

First—The convention will endorse the candidacy of William J. Bryan and recog-nize him as 'our national leader.'

Second—The Chicago platform will not beiffirmed.
Third-The delegates to the National

Convention will not be instructed
MAY MODIFY PLATFORM One of Mr. Hill's lieutenants, who spoke for him, gave this explanation to a re-

"We are all agreed that Mr. Bryan's re nomination is a certainty, and that all we an do is to fall into line, but we cannot can do is to fail into line, but we cannot swallow the whole Chleago platform, and it is not necessary to do so. The Kansas City Convention may modify that platform, so we can endorse Bryan and declare that we will support the platform of our party. As to the instructions of delegates, that is neither necessary nor in accord with precedent. It is customary to instruct delegates to a national convention only when New York has a candidate. It has no candidate this year, so an endorsement of Bryan is all that can be reasonably expected. We will go to Kansas City ably expected. We will go to Kansas City as Bryan men, but we do not care to be so committed that we cannot ask for a modi-fication of the Chicago platform."

CROKER FOR BRYAN

Thinks He Will Boat McKinley in

Presidential Race.

NEW YORK, May 25.—The Journal and Advertiser will to-morow print an interview with Richard Croker, obtained in London by William T. Stead. Speaking on the political situation in the United States. Mr. Croker declares emphatically that he is for William J. Bryan for President, and he believes Mr. Bryan will beat Mr. McKinley on election day. He also thinks Bryan is right in stocking to the 16 to I silver issue, but declares that, in his opinion, trusts and imperialism will be the principal issues of the campaign. He ays that Admiral Dewey is not in the race for the President, though he might

BIG CONTRIBUTION

James Coogan Gives \$100,000 to Cam-

paign Fund if Bryan Is Kenominated NEW YORK, May 26.-James J. Coogan, president of the Borough of Mannattan, and a leader in Tammany Hall, to-day contributed \$190,000 to the Democratic National Committee with the stipulation that the gift be rescinded if William J.

Bryan is not renominated.

The committee will be allowed to make such use of this fund as it may see fit.

The contribution gave rise to the story in political circles to-day that Mr. Coogan would be Colonel Bryan's running mate on the National Democratic ticket this summer. Bryan is not renominated.

REPUBLICANS TO CONTEST

John Mitchell, Jr., and His Colleagues

Cry Frand.

The Republican candidates for Common Council, Board of Aldermen and Justices of the Peace who ran in Jackson Ward at the election on Thursday last have retained Mr. William L. Royall to contest the election of the Democratic candidates, on the ground that fraud was perpetrated. They claim that they carried the ward for their ticket by 200 majority, and that they were counted out by the Democratic offi-

SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS

Local. -Commencement exercises of various Richmond colleges. -Interesting news about the Riddick

Opening of Seaboard Air Line Railway.
-Drowning of a negro in canal.

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-Republicans to contest Democratic elections in Jackson Ward.

James Bahen to apply for admission in Democratic caucus of Council.

-Not thought any extra session of Legislature will be called in connection with Constitutional Convention. State. -The vote for the Constitutional Con-

vention.

—A young lady burned to death in Alexandria. Poor fishing season in the Northern eck.
--Mayor Pleasants, of Petersburg, to
company Seaboard Air Line party on -Mayor seaboard accompany Seaboard its trip South.

General.

-New York Democrats will endorse Bryan, but hope to have Chicago plat-form modified:
-Senate authorized committee to visit Cuba if necessary to probe the postal fraud -Alaskan civil code bill practically

 Alaskan civil code bit practically completed by the House.
 Primaries in Maryland for delegates to State Convention.
 Big contribution made to Democratic campaign fund contingent on the nomination of W. J. Bryan. Foreign.

-British have crossed the Vaal into Boer territory.

The Admiralty Board conducts an interesting experiment in effectiveness of modern naval gunnery.

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RESULT IN SIXTH DISTRICT ABLE LAWYERS IN THE CASE

the reports received yesterday: CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., May 28.— Special.—Albemarle county and the city of Charlottesville gave 1.342 majority for the Constitutional Convention. In the re-cent Presidential election William J. Bryan

Spotsylvania County. Spotsylvania County.

SPOTSYLVANIA, VA, May 26.—Special.—The official returns of the election in the county show only 586 votes cast, giving 250 majority against the convention. There was a poor turnout among the whites, but the colored to 2 more interest.

HANOVER COURTHOUSE, VA., May 26, Special.—The returns from all the precincts in the county give a majority of 85 for Prince Edward county gives 64 majority for the convention.

854; against convention, 575. Majority for convention, 279. DANVILLE, VA., May 26.—Special.— Pittsylvania gives the convention 690 ma

HON. C. B. JONES HERE.

Is Happy Over the Result of the Elec-

Home.

the Constitutional Convention hereabouts show that in Norfolk City 4.758 voted for and 586 against the convention; Norfolk County, 968 for and 2.508 against; Ports-mouth City, for 1,365, against 170. LOVINGSTON, VA., May 16.—Special.—

Smyth County.

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